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For: POLYMERS, COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS OF USE FOR FOAMS LAUNDRY
DETERGENTS SHOWER RINSES AND COAGULANTS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to Rules 56 and 98, Applicants hereby call the attention of the Patent Office to the references listed on the attached Form PTO 1449. US 6,207,631 corresponds to previously submitted WO99/27058. It is respectfully submitted neither US 6,207,631 nor WO99/27058 are prior art because the present independent claims are entitled to the May 26, 1999 filing date of the parent application USSN 09/318,941. This parent is incorporated by reference. The present Claim 1 upper limit for average cationic charge density of 2.77 per 100 daltons molecular weight range is supported by the 2.77 % value at page 49 of the parent application

WO '058 has an international filing date of 20 November 1998 and was published 3 June 1999. WO '058 designated the US but, because it was filed before November 29, 2000, its earliest effective date as a reference is its publication date of 3 June 1999.

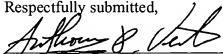
The earliest effective 102(e) date as a reference for US 6,207,631 is the US '631 filing date of May 18, 2000. US '631 claims priority from US provisional applications but does not have a 102(e) date from these provisional applications because of the intervening WO '058.

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